

Fresno, CA - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20) announced Kern County as the recipient of five Department of Housing and Urban Development grants totaling near \$13.6 million. Various cities in Kern County will receive funds from the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, American Dream Downpayment Initiative, HOME program and Capital Fund Program.

"As our communities grow so do housing needs and these funds help various people and organizations realize their goal of making housing options available to more community residents," Congressman Costa said.

Kern County will receive a total of \$8.6 million from the Community Development Block Grant, American Dream Downpayment Initiative, Emergency Shelter Grant and HOME program with the city of Bakersfield receiving \$5.6 million. In addition, the Housing Authority of Kern County will receive just under \$2 million from the Capital Fund which assists housing authorities in modernization, development, financing and management improvements. Delano and Wasco are recipients of the Community Development Block Grant and will each receive \$1,500,000 to improve housing and economic opportunities in urban areas.

"Through the use of these funds Kern County cities and agencies will have the ability to build and maintain various housing opportunities for rural and urban areas alike," concluded Congressman Costa.

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